

## AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of ablating the heart comprising the steps of:
  - a. introducing a linear RF ablation catheter into the pericardial space surrounding the heart by piercing the pericardium;
  - b. fixing the tip of a linear RF catheter by inserting a barbed anchor into the heart; said linear RF catheter having an elongate linear flexible body having a single line of linearly oriented RF ablation electrodes , each of said electrodes movable to a location on the epicardial surface of the heart within the intact pericardium;
  - c. flexing the catheter body into conformity with the heart surface by manipulating the catheter from said anchor; and
  - d. applying RF energy to the RF electrodes of said catheter.